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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**SPECIFICATION:**

Page 2, between lines 14 and 15, please add the following new paragraph:

*A1*  
--In Figure 8, "n" is the number of theoretical plates corresponding to perfected mixing vessels. The actual number of Brade partition plates is four stages. And the viscosity is 5kPa·s.--

Page 5, between lines 12 and 13, please add the following new paragraph:

*AP*  
--In Figure 10, "M" is the number of actual plates, and "N" is the number of perfect mixing vessels. ReF is the Reynolds number in flow direction (-); and ReM is the agitated Reynolds number (-).--